

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7-11, 16-17, 21, and 29.

Please amend claims 1, 8, 18-19, and 27 as follows below.

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listing of claims.

1 1. (Currently Amended) A microprocessor including:
2 a memory controller to couple to a memory and one or
3 more microprocessors;
4 an execution unit coupled to the memory controller,
5 the execution unit to trigger a snoop if a store into [[a]]
6 the memory occurs;
7 a trace cache coupled to the execution unit;
8 an instruction decoder coupled to the trace cache; and
9 [[a]] an instruction translation lookaside buffer
10 [[(TLB)]] ITLB having a content addressable memory (CAM),
11 the ITLB to receive ~~and receiving~~ a physical address
12 indicating the location where the store occurred in the
13 memory, the [[TLB]] ITLB to store page translations between
14 a linear page address and a physical page address pointing
15 to a page of the memory having contents stored within [[a]]
16 the trace cache, the [[TLB]] ITLB including a first CAM
17 input port responsive to the snoop to compare the physical
18 address received by the [[TLB]] ITLB with the physical page
19 address stored therein.

1 2. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 1 wherein
2 if it is determined that the physical address received
3 by the TLB matches a physical page address stored within
4 the TLB, indicating that information was modified within
5 the memory correlating to information potentially located
6 within the cache, information within the cache is
7 invalidated.

1 3. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 2 wherein
2 information within the cache is invalidated by setting
3 a bit in the cache to indicate invalid information in a
4 cache line and disregarding the information within the
5 cache.

1 4. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 1 wherein
2 if it is determined that the physical address received
3 by the TLB matches a physical page address stored within
4 the TLB, indicating that information was modified within
5 the memory correlating to information potentially located
6 within the cache or a pipeline, and the microprocessor
7 provides inclusion for the cache and the pipeline such that
8 information within the cache and the pipeline are
9 invalidated.

1 5. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 4 wherein
2 information within the cache and a pipeline are
3 invalidated by setting a bit in the cache to indicate
4 invalid information in a cache line and disregarding the
5 information within the cache and the pipeline.

1 6. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 4 wherein
2 the TLB maintains original page translations for all
3 bytes of information within the cache and pipeline to
4 provide inclusion.

1 7-11. (Canceled)

1 12. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 1 wherein
2 the cache is a trace instruction cache and the
3 information stored therein is instructions and the TLB is
4 an instruction translation lookaside buffer (ITLB).

1 13. (Unamended) A method of self modifying code detection
2 for cache coherency, comprising:
3 storing page table translations, the stored page table
4 translations including linear page addresses associated

5 with physical page addresses into a physically addressable
6 memory for information stored into a cache memory;

7 providing a physical memory address of a store into
8 the physically addressable memory; and

9 comparing the provided physical memory address to the
10 physical page memory addresses included in the stored page
11 table translations to determine if the physically
12 addressable memory has been updated by self modifying code.

1 14. (Unamended) The method of claim 13 wherein

2 the comparing generates a match between the provided
3 physical memory address and one or more of the physical
4 page memory addresses included in the stored page table
5 translations indicating the potential occurrence of self
6 modifying code and cache incoherency.

1 15. (Unamended) The method of claim 14 further comprising:

2 invalidating the instructions within the cache memory
3 and an instruction pipeline for execution and fetching new
4 instructions from the physically addressable memory to
5 overwrite the invalidated instructions after the comparing
6 generates a match indicating the potential occurrence of
7 self modifying code and cache incoherency.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 further comprising:

maintaining original stored page table translations for all bytes of information within the cache memory and an instruction pipeline. [[.]]

19. (Currently Amended) A computer including:

a memory; and

at least one microprocessor, the at least one microprocessor including,

an instruction cache to store instructions for execution,

an execution unit coupled to the instruction cache to execute the instructions stored therein, the execution unit to trigger a snoop if a store into the memory is executed, and

an instruction translation lookaside buffer (ITLB) having a content addressable memory (CAM), the ITLB to receive ~~and receiving~~ a physical address indicating the location where the execution of the store occurred in the memory, the ITLB to store page translations between a

17 linear page address and a physical page address
18 pointing to a page of the memory having contents
19 stored within the instruction cache, the ITLB
20 including a CAM input port responsive to the
21 snoop to compare the physical address received by
22 the TLB with the physical page address stored
23 therein.

1 20. (Unamended) The computer of claim 19 wherein
2 if it is determined that the physical address received
3 by the TLB matches a physical page address stored within
4 the ITLB, indicating that an instruction was modified
5 within the memory correlating to an instruction located
6 within the instruction cache, instructions within the
7 instruction cache and an instruction pipeline within the
8 execution unit are invalidated.

1 21. (Cancelled)

1 22. (Unamended) The computer of claim 19 wherein
2 the instruction cache is a trace instruction cache.

1 23. (Unamended) A method of detecting cache incoherency in
2 a computer comprising:

3 providing a physical address associated with a store
4 into memory;

5 comparing the physical address associated with the
6 store into memory with a plurality of physical page
7 addresses indicating from what pages in a memory
8 information was stored into a cache;

9 generating a self modifying code hit signal indicating
10 a possibility of cache incoherency; and

11 invalidating the information stored into the cache
12 upon generation of the self modifying code hit signal.

1 24. (Unamended) The method of claim 23 wherein
2 the plurality of physical page addresses are stored
3 within an instruction translation lookaside buffer.

1 25. (Unamended) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
2 invalidating the information stored into an
3 instruction pipeline from the cache upon generation of the
4 self modifying code hit signal.

1 26. (Unamended) The method of claim 23 further comprising:

2 fetching instructions from memory to rewrite the
3 information into the cache to obtain cache coherency.

1 27. (Currently Amended) A microprocessor including:

2 a memory controller to couple to a memory and one or
3 more microprocessors, the memory controller to trigger a
4 snoop if a store into a memory occurs;

5 an execution unit coupled to the memory controller,
6 the execution unit to execute instructions; and

7 a translation lookaside buffer (TLB) coupled to the
8 execution unit, the TLB having a content addressable memory
9 (CAM), the TLB to receive ~~and receiving~~ a physical address
10 indicating the location where the store occurred in the
11 memory, the TLB to store page translations between a linear
12 page address and a physical page address pointing to a page
13 of the memory having contents stored within a cache, the
14 TLB including a CAM input port responsive to the snoop to
15 compare the physical address received by the TLB with the
16 physical page address stored therein.

1 28. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 27 wherein

2 if it is determined that the physical address received
3 by the TLB matches a physical page address stored within
4 the TLB, indicating that information was modified within
5 the memory correlating to information potentially located

6 within the cache or a pipeline, and the microprocessor
7 provides inclusion for the cache and the pipeline such that
8 information within the cache and the pipeline are
9 invalidated.

1 29. (Cancelled)

1 30. (Unamended) The microprocessor of claim 27 wherein
2 the cache is a trace instruction cache and the
3 information stored therein is instructions and the TLB is
4 an instruction translation lookaside buffer (ITLB).